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| GP practices are struggling to cope with a rise in **turnover of Reception staff** as abuse from patients and the cost-of-living crisis drive experienced employees out of General Practice. |

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Tens of thousands of patients across England to get quicker access to life-saving tests as 19 additional **Community Diagnostic Centres** (CDCs) to open this year.

* 92 operational CDCs have carried out an additional 3 million tests, checks and scans across the country as the NHS works on the biggest ever catch-up programme.
* The one-stop shops are located in a range of convenient settings for patients, from shopping centres to football stadiums.

Tens of thousands of patients across the country will benefit from quicker access to tests, with 19 new Community Diagnostic Centres performing 1.1 million tests, checks and scans every year. These are set to open later this year.

CDCs are central to the Government’s ‘elective recovery plan’ and the Prime Minister’s priority of reducing NHS waiting lists to tackle the backlogs in the NHS and social care, providing additional capacity for potentially lifesaving tests including Cancer screening.

New data shows 92 operational CDCs have already significantly bolstered NHS capacity as part of the most ambitious catch-up plan in NHS history, delivering an additional 3 million checks since the programme started in in July 2021. The programme helps patients to get the diagnosis they need as quickly as possible - so that they can access the treatment they need, where and when they need it.

The one-stop shops, backed by £2.3 billion in Government funding, are based in convenient locations, such as Shopping Centres and Football Stadiums, allowing people to access tests more quickly.

The CDCs house a range of equipment including MRI, CT, X-ray and Ultrasound Scanners and offer services including blood tests or heart rhythm and blood pressure monitoring.

The 19 approved new Centres will be rolled out across the country, including Milton Keynes, Nottingham and Dorset. Once referred by a GP, pharmacist or hospital, patients can access CDCs in their local area to get any concerning symptoms checked out.

* Spoke Centres offer more diagnostic services, in addition to a standard CDC.

The full list of approved CDCs is as follows:

* North Bedfordshire CDC
* North Bedfordshire (Lloyds Court) … … … … Spoke Centre
* North Bedfordshire CDC (Whitehouse Health Centre) … Spoke Centre
* Thurrock CDC (Braintree) … … … … … Spoke Centre
* Queen Mary’s Hospital Roehampton CDC (New Addington) Spoke Centre
* Northamptonshire CDC
* Northamptonshire CDC (Kings Heath) … … … Spoke Centre
* Mansfield CDC
* Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin CDC
* ICP North CDC (Metro Centre)
* North Cumbria CDC
* Warrington and Halton CDC (Shopping City) … … Spoke Centre
* Clatterbridge Diagnostics CDC (Liverpool City) … … Spoke Centre
* Lymington New Forest Hospital CDC (South Hants) … Spoke Centre
* Crawley Collaborative CDC (Caterham Dene) … … Spoke Centre
* Bexhill Community CDC (Hastings) … … … Spoke Centre
* CDC Poole@Dorset Health Village Hub
* CDC@Dorset Health Village (Weymouth) … … Spoke Centre
* CDC@Dorset Health Village (Boscombe AECC) … … Spoke Centre